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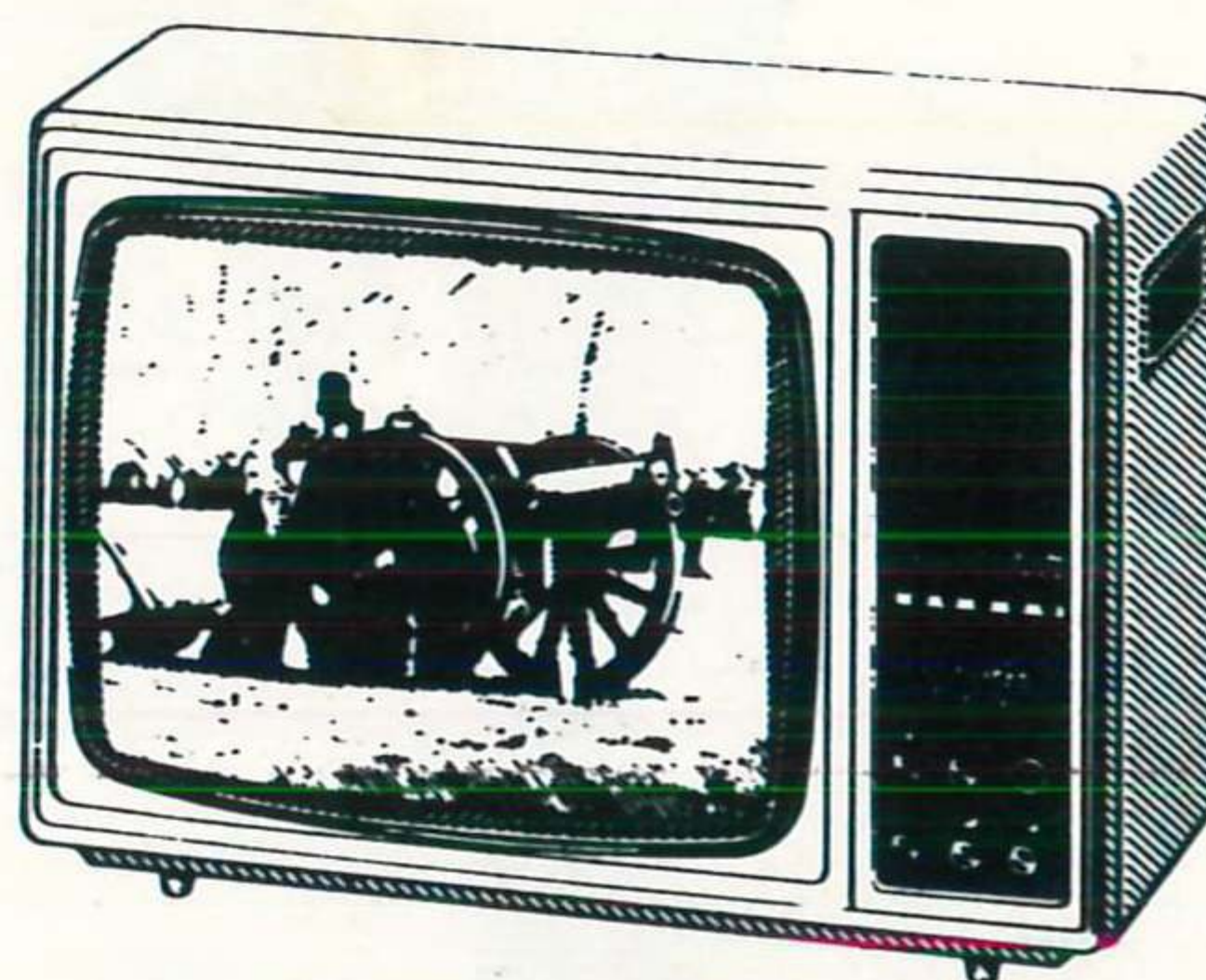
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George Mulhall writes

I would like to extend to you all a warm welcome to Burnden Park for this, our first home League game of the new season.

I was very disappointed when we lost our first game at Chelsea last week particularly after we had made such a promising start. Things were going all right in the early stages, but when they got two goals in the space of three minutes in the first half it was always going to be an uphill battle for us.

To be perfectly fair to Chelsea, in the end they deserved to win.

During our trip to Chelsea the sale of Neil Whatmore to Birmingham was completed. Let me stress once again that it is not going to be my policy to sell our best players — in fact it is my intention to keep them. But Neil Whatmore's transfer was a necessity.

It now gives me the opportunity to go into the

transfer market myself to make the signings I feel are necessary to improve the team.

New signings are imminent, in fact, I am hoping that by the time you read these notes there will be a new face for you to cheer.

Deadlines dictate that I must write these notes before knowing the result of our midweek League Cup tie against our neighbours and fellow Second Division side, Oldham Athletic, but it is to be hoped we got a good result. Don't forget, though, we must still go to Oldham for the away leg, so the tie is by no means dead.

Turning to today's visitors, Luton Town, you can bet we are in for a testing time.

Luton just missed out on promotion last season — on the very last day in fact — and started this season with a useful 3-0 win against newly-promoted Charlton. So you can see that today's game is going to be a hard one for us.

Whatever the result, you can expect Luton to play a vital part in the promotion race this season.

HATTERS



Back Row: Radi Antic, Brian Stein, Steve White, Frank Bunn, Clive Goodyear, Alan Judge, Mike Saxby, Jake Findlay, Pasquale 'Lil' Fuccillo, Paul Keys, Mal Donaghy, Brian Horton, Mark Aizlewood.
Front Row: Neil Madden, Rob Johnson, Wayne Turner, Ray Brammer, Godfrey Ingram, Kirk Stephens, Seamus Heath, Mike Small, Ricky Hill.

THIRD TIME LUCKY FOR LUTON?

By Tony Pullein.

Luton manager David Pleat firmly believes it will be third time lucky for the Hatters this season — in spite of the fact that he sold two internationals, and another experienced midfield player, for almost £400,000 during the summer break.

For the past two seasons Luton's quality football has received widespread acclaim. They looked set for a return to the First Division in 1980 but they faltered towards the end to miss by four points and finish sixth.

Last season they recovered from a poor start to finish strongly. But a home defeat by Oldham, at a critical point close to the end, proved disastrous. This time they took fifth place but missed target by a mere two points.

Their hopes this season clearly depends upon how well they cope with the loss of Welsh international centre-back Paul Price — sold to Tottenham for £250,000 — Republic of Ireland midfield cap Tony Grealish (who has joined Brighton for £100,000) and another midfield man Alan West, now with Millwall following a £45,000

move.

Mr Pleat said, after selling Price, that he had full confidence in the players on his staff to fill this void. He took very much the same view just a year earlier, following criticism of his sale of high-scoring Bob Hatton after he had hit 18 goals in 1979/80.

For some weeks last season Mr Pleat must have felt pretty uncomfortable as he struggled to find a goalscoring attack. But eventually his judgment was vindicated because Brian Stein returned to top form with 20 goals and proved an ideal partner for David Moss, who struck 19.

Likewise, it could be a week or two before Luton's new-look defence settles down.

The loss of the two midfield men may not be as critical as it might appear at first sight. Mr Pleat invested £100,000 wisely in Brighton's great-hearted midfield player Brian Horton.

Horton was a key figure in Brighton's rise from the Third to the First Division and he is sure to be a big inspiration to his new colleagues for he is a

player who thrives upon new challenges. His sights are firmly set upon a return to the First Division with Luton next year.

West was being phased out of the Luton side, anyway, and the club has plenty of midfield talent in players like Radi Antic, a Yugoslav international, Ricky Hill and Mark Aizlewood.

It's nothing new for Luton fans to see star players leave the club. The first real exodus came when the club faced closure some seven or eight years ago. They were forced to sell to keep alive but the amazing thing is that they have continually produced new players who have proved every good as the ones who left.

The list of departures include such men as Malcolm Macdonald, Don Givens, Chris Nicholl, Steve Buckley, Barry Butlin, Vic Halom, Bob Hatton and the Futchers brothers — Ron and Paul — who were all players of considerable stature.

Luton were one of several leading clubs in the Second Division who suffered an attack of jitters last season. Yet, when they defeated QPR 3-0 at Kenilworth Road in April and then won their next matches against Bristol Rovers and Chelsea they looked likely to clinch it.

With four games to play they were level with Swansea and only two points behind third-placed Blackburn who had played an extra game.

It was at that point that they lost that critical home game against Oldham. Though they managed to draw 2-2 at Swansea, they were virtually out of the running and, in spite of a fine 3-0 winning finish here at Burnden Park, the Hatters had to settle for fifth place.

We all expect competition to be fierce at the top of the Second Division this season but Luton appear to be one of the sides likely to be closely involved with the promotion chase once again.

JAKE FINDLAY (Goalkeeper). Jake became a professional with Aston Villa in 1972 but got only 14 games in their League eleven. A £100,000 move to Luton in 1978 saw him go straight into the Hatters' first-team — and stay there.

ALAN JUDGE (Goalkeeper). Alan is Luton's reserve goalkeeper and so far he has acted as deputy for Findlay in the League eleven on three occasions.

KIRK STEPHENS (Defender). Kirk was signed from Nuneaton and he was drafted into Luton's senior side three seasons ago. He celebrated his 100th League appearance last season and is expected to be their right-back today.

MIKE SAXBY (Defender). Mike spent his early days with Mansfield, making almost 100 first-team appearances for the Stags. Luton paid a club record £200,000 to sign him in 1979.

CLIVE GOODYEAR (Defender). Clive is one of the contenders for the vacancy left by the departure of Welsh international Paul Price. Clive made his League debut two seasons back and played several games at centre-back last term.

MAL DONAGHY (Defender). Mal joined the Hatters from Larne for £20,000 in 1978 and has been ever-present for the past two seasons. A former N. Ireland u-21 international, he now has five full caps.

BRIAN HORTON (Midfield). Luton paid Brighton £100,000 for Brian this summer. A goalscoring midfield player, he first played League soccer with Port Vale and moved on to Brighton for £30,000 in 1976.

RICKY HILL (Midfield). Ricky joined Luton as a schoolboy and made his bow in their League eleven in 1975/76. A regular for the past four years, he scored seven goals last season.

MARK AIZLEWOOD (Defender/Midfield). Mark is a Welsh international who used to play in defence in his Newport County days. He was transferred to Luton for £30,000 in 1978 and normally appears in midfield these days.

RADI ANTIC (Midfield). Radi is a Yugoslav international who joined Luton from Spanish club Zaragoza in 1980. He netted his two goals of last season against QPR at Kenilworth Road in April.

PASQUALE FUCCILLO (Midfield). Pasquale served his apprenticeship with Luton and first appeared in their League side in 1974/75. He later kept an ever-present record for two seasons but last season found himself out of the side.

BRIAN STEIN (Forward). Brian hit a personal-best 20 goals last season, including one in each of the games against us. A local discovery, he was drafted into the side in 1977 and is now an ideal partner for David Moss.

DAVID MOSS (Forward). After making over 250 appearances for Swindon, David joined Luton for £90,000 in 1978. He scored 13 times in his first season, 24 in 1979/80 and 19 last term.

STEVE WHITE (Forward). Steve made his name as a raider with Bristol Rovers and Luton invested £175,000 in his transfer in 1979. So far he has not quite hit top form at Kenilworth Road and is hoping to return to his best this season.

GODFREY INGRAM (Forward). Godfrey netted seven goals last season. He first appeared in the Hatters' senior side in 1977/78 and two seasons ago he spent a loan period with Northampton.

FRANKIE BUNN (Forward). Frankie was one of the strikers tried when Luton were struggling at the beginning of last season. He made his debut against Derby but, though he scored against Wrexham, he went back into the reserves after that.

WAYNE TURNER (Midfield). Wayne is a local lad who got his first chance in League soccer on the final day of 1978/79. He has made occasional appearances since then both in midfield and defence.

NEIL MADDEN (Midfield). Neil is another player anxious for a first-team break. His only League outing prior to this season was against Wrexham in April 1980.

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Club Scene

PETER TAKES OVER

One new face you'll be seeing a lot of from now on is that of our new physio, Peter Nightingale.

Peter is not an entire stranger to us here at Burnden Park for over the past few years he has worked closely with Walter Joyce with the reserve team.

Now, though, Peter has left his job as a teacher at Eagley Primary School and is with us full time.

He comes highly recommended, in fact our former physio, Jim Headrige, when he left to join Manchester United during the summer, put Peter's name forward as a possible successor. As you will know, Jim died so tragically, collapsing during a training session with his new club.

George Mulhall said: "Before Jim left for United he told me I need look no further than Peter for a replacement, and I have been very impressed with him.

"He has completed two years of the three year physio's course at the Lillleshall National Sports Centre and should prove to be a very useful addition to our backroom staff.

"He knows his job and is very conscientious."

FIXTURE SWITCH

Anticipating Jim McDonagh's call-up to the Republic of Ireland squad for next week's international in Holland, Wanderers switched their scheduled home League game against Newcastle United which should have been played on Tuesday.

The match will now be played on Tuesday September 29, kick off 7.30pm.

JIM'S IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

Our congratulations go out to Jim McDonagh who has again been selected for the Republic of Ireland national squad for their World Cup Qualifying match in Holland on Wednesday.

Jim won international recognition during his spell with Everton last season after being given special clearance by FIFA. Jim was born in England, but qualifies for the Irish squad by reason of his parentage.

The circumstances of his call-up left Jim somewhat apprehensive when he ran out at Lansdowne Road, Dublin for his first appearance. But Jim used his vast experience, refused to be overawed by the occasion and quickly won the cheers of the Irish fans.

"I ran out and gave them a big wave," said Jim.

"That seemed to do the trick and the fans have been great with me ever since."

Drawn in a tough qualifying group, the Irish are still in with a chance of qualifying for the World Cup Finals in Spain next summer, but Jim says it is essential they beat Holland next week to keep their hopes alive.

"If we can play the way we played in our match in Belgium we should do it," he added.

DID YOU KNOW?

By SIMON MARLAND

Today's is our 25th meeting with Luton Town with Bolton having won 10 and drawn 7 of the previous 24. The teams have met on 4 occasions in the F.A. Cup, but have not crossed paths in the League Cup. Bolton's best victory was 4-0 in 1955-56 whilst last year's 3-0 home defeat was one of the heaviest at the hands of "The Hatters".



"JUNIOR WHITE" News

What a great start to the season our Family Day at Bromwich Street turned out to be. People were queueing long before the gates at the training ground were opened with a great family atmosphere prevailing all afternoon.

Members were split into 6 a side teams with our sponsors Cambrian sending along a couple of youthful teams, with later on Piccadilly Radio sending along their "Attackers" team.

A team of ex Bolton stars including Dennis Stevens, Ray Parry, Freddie Hill and John Byrom came along showing everyone that their silky skills were still evident. This Celebrity team eventually won the competition although in a special challenge game the girls of the supporters association managed to draw 1-1 with them.

Club chairman Mr George Warburton was one of many personalities from the club present, others included Mr Brian Turnbull, manager George Mulhall, secretary Des McBain with many of the players joining in.

A special mention also of the man who makes all the pre-match entertainment swing along here at Burnden, Alan Fullelove whose expertise on the special Bolton Evening News tanyoy kept everyone informed of events. A great day, with superb weather — roll on next year!

Our first meeting of this season takes place on Monday, September 7 at 6.30 in the Executive Club, when manager George Mulhall and members of the new Basketball section will be in attendance along with some of the team.

There will be information on the Quiz events we are setting up, along with all the other exciting events being lined up.

Today's mascot is Douglas Owen from Atherton who is also a star of the under 11s football team. Incidentally we will be selecting the mascot for the Newcastle game on Tuesday at Monday nights meeting.

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IS GRASS ON THE WAY OUT?

In a residential suburb of West London, between Jamaica Road and Loftus Road, hemmed in by endless rows of terraced houses and high rise flats, a soccer revolution has taken shape.

It is a revolution without conflict and yet the consequences could prove more significant and influential than any other major development which has helped fashion the future of the game over the years. Greater in fact than the change to the offside laws in 1925, greater than the introduction of floodlights or the politics and implications aroused by the abolition of the maximum wage and more recently freedom of contract.

I am of course referring to the magic carpet which Terry Venables is so enthusiastically introducing to English football . . . Queens Park Rangers new synthetic 'Omniturf' pitch which could change the whole pattern of the game.

When Luton Town step out at Loftus Road for the first football League match on a synthetic surface on September 1st, will it be the beginning or the end?

You see there is no doubt at all that artificial surfaces require a different style of play. Those in favour of the plastic pitches will argue that it demands a more skilful game and as such will eventually improve the technique and standard of our players. But it also requires players to hit passes to feet rather than into spaces because the ball would run away and so the fierce cut and thrust football we know today would eventually be phased out for a more patient and skilled game of a much slower pace.

The question being, is this what the English football fan wants to see?

CHARACTER

If as we are so often told they prefer the blood and thrust routine of long balls into the box, the thrill of the physical challenge in front of goal, then the introduction of synthetic pitches could drive even more fans away.

Joe Jordan the battling Scottish centre forward who this season has gone to seek his fortune in Italy, probably epitomises the spirit of the English game better than most. He told me: "A typical English season takes in all sorts of conditions and that is why at the end of the day the team that can overcome those conditions deserves the Championship.

"The Football League title is not just about the teams who can play on good surfaces, it is about character and guts over 42 gruelling games played in varying conditions.

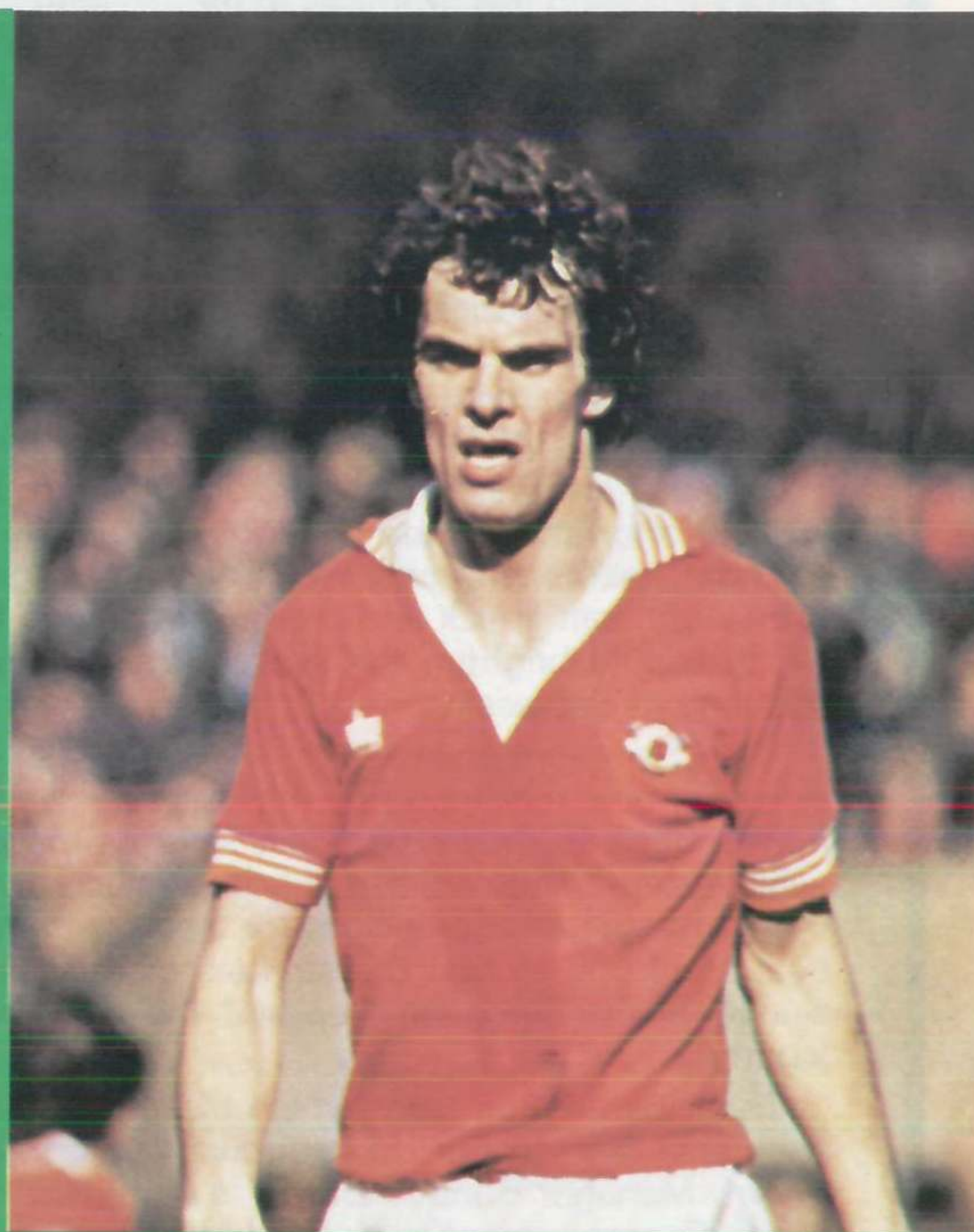
"I think that muddy heavy pitches and other questionable surfaces all add to the flavour of the British game. . . that is what football is all about. Take our game at Old Trafford last season against Ipswich Town. The conditions were atrocious but what an exciting game we had with plenty of good football and character. . . the fans loved it. Take that away and the game will be the loser".

Rangers assistant manager Alan Harris does not agree. He does not feel that the game would be in danger of losing some of its natural characteristics like speed, aggression and physical combat: "I can't see that," he retorts. "I know that I would much rather coach a side versed in skilled attractive football than one which just rushes about winning games on glue pot pitches through sheer strength. Where is the entertainment value in that?"

Football has always been reluctant to accept change, but probably the strongest argument in favour of the artificial surface is the commercial one. It makes the football stadium a viable money earner seven days a week.

COMMERCIAL

The commercial experts at QPR expect to gross some £100,000 revenue from non-footballing activities at Loftus Road, with hockey internationals, pop concerts and Rugby Union tournaments lined up and that is one big argument in favour of the new revolution. But if all 92 Football League clubs invested in synthetic pitches would there be enough outside promotions



"The Football League title is not just about the teams who can play on good surfaces," says Joe Jordan (above) who is now in Italy.

to make it worthwhile for all? I doubt it. And when you are talking in terms of an outlay of some £350,000 for a scheme that has a life expectancy of ten years, it might not prove quite the money earner suggested for the vast majority of clubs.

So maybe it is not the magic carpet to whisk clubs into the land of plenty and indeed Coventry City boss Dave Sexton sums up the feelings of many when he says: "From a commercial point of view I think it is a good idea, but from a football angle I don't think you can beat a nice turfed pitch.

"It will be a different sort of game, there won't be the tackling, it will turn into a touch game. But artificial surfaces are not that bad although they are not ideal to play full-blooded football on.

"The compact surface causes muscle strains because of the traction involved. You get more joint trouble in ankles and knees than on grass pitches which allow the joints to slide and give a little on impact. On artificial surfaces the joint stands still and takes the full strain on the momentum going forward and that is the problem.

"But I would certainly not refuse to play on it although I would hate to see synthetic pitches become a general thing."

While one can only applaud Q.P.R. for their initiative in seeking to find the answer to declining attendances, the question of whether this is the right approach has still to be answered.

It is interesting to note that in America, N.A.S.L. clubs are eagerly trying to convert the other way. . . back to grass. There may well be a tremendous future for artificial surfaces but whether they will enhance the game of soccer and make it a better spectacle for the English spectators to watch remains questionable.

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WHAT a season this promises to be . . . with the new League Champions Aston Villa seeking to hold their hard won title in a championship which is looking more open and competitive than for many a season.

For the first time in a decade the competition is not overshadowed by the ominous threat of Liverpool, who were unquestionably the team of the seventies. They won the European Cup and the Football League Cup last season that is true, but in the League marathon they proved vulnerable, and that is the milestone by which they are judged by their fellow peers.

Indeed there are a host of clubs now capable of walking off with the blue ribband event in the soccer calendar, teams who play with flair and imagination, teams who can attack and produce attractive football which should brighten the lives of their followers in this time of depression.

The Champions themselves — Aston Villa — are a side still in the making a side that will improve and get better, but can they repeat last seasons magnificent achievement? They will certainly be subjected to much more pressure this campaign, for they are the team to beat. And add to that the stresses of their first ever season in the European Cup and the odds begin to lengthen.

Then there is the team which blazed to the top of the table last season in glorious fashion, Ipswich Town. Manager Bobby Robson is confident that the bitter disappointment they swallowed last spring will only make the players more determined to succeed this term. They undoubtedly have the ability to be the best team in the land and scored more goals than any of their rivals in the League last season, so Ipswich Town must start as one of the firm favourites.

Arsenal have led the challenge from the South in recent seasons, but as efficient as they might be and difficult to beat, they have tended to be a little too cautious in their approach to the game, more concerned with stopping the opposition than taking them apart. Consequently the 'Gunners' have not exploded with the hoped for excitement and unless they place more emphasis on attack it is difficult seeing them regain the title they last won in 1971.

SAINTS ALIVE

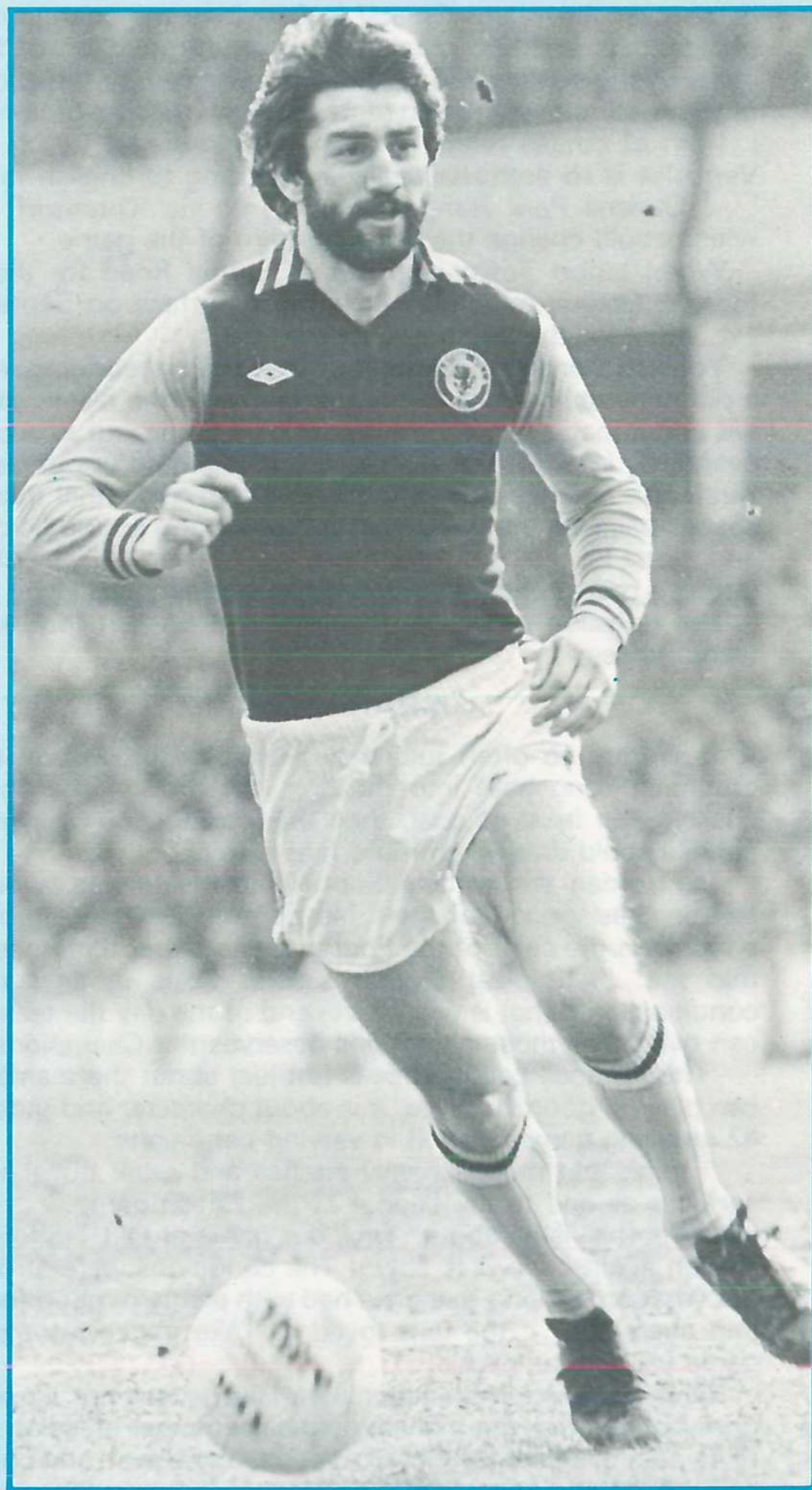
It is down on the coast where the biggest challenge lies, at Southampton, where Lawrie McMenemy has made miracles happen. The 'Saints' completed their best ever League campaign last May with victory at Ipswich, which not only secured their highest ever League placing of sixth but also booked a ticket into the UEFA Cup.

But perhaps the most pleasing aspect is, that Southampton have done it in style, with the shrewd McMenemy assembling as good a squad of players as you could find anywhere. "I have always thought if you get enough good players around you, you cannot fail," declares the Southampton boss. Well he is certainly well on the way to proving the point.

And what of Liverpool themselves! Maybe not quite the threat of a couple of years ago but still a

formidable machine. Like the sleeping giant they are never more dangerous than when aroused and the tendency in some quarters to suggest that it is time to re-build the side could just trigger off a barn storming response.

No you can never discount the Liver bird, thrice Champions of Europe, and now looking for their 13th



Dennis Mortimer and Aston Villa now face their sternest test.

Football League title. They have the players, the method and the supporters but challenging for four major trophies every season takes its toll and one wonders just when they will lose their edge.

In fact you might just have to look across the Pennines to find the heirs apparent. Leeds United, Liverpool's old adversaries have been slowly re-developing under the watchful eye of manager Allan Clarke. The Yorkshire side now seem ready to make a positive challenge, certainly the atmosphere inside

OR THE TITLE

Elland Road has changed from one of quiet despondency to one of confident optimism.

Meanwhile back in the Midlands West Bromwich Albion seemed destined for success. They are another team crammed full of flamboyant expressive players who on their day can be a match for anyone, but will Ron Atkinson's departure rock the boat?

Like Albion, Tottenham rely on the creative skills of their talented midfield and forward players and in this respect are probably the most gifted team in the country. However the Londoners archilles heel has been their defence which although strengthened by the inclusion of Welsh international Paul Price from Luton, might prove once more to be the undoing of Spurs aspirations.

RED DEVILS?

It might well also be too soon to expect anything from Brian Clough's new formation at Nottingham Forest, but watch out for Manchester United. The 'Red Devils' nearly pulled it off the season before last and but for a cruel spate of injuries which left them without the backbone of their side for most of last season, they would surely have been thereabouts again.

Now under Ron Atkinson, a team boss with the happy knack of getting the most out of his players, and hopefully an injury free period, Manchester United could well go all the way.

But, if I have to stick my neck out then I must go for Ipswich Town, because of their track record over the past eighteen months. I feel they will be closely pushed by Liverpool, Leeds and Southampton who with a fit Kevin Keegan available should improve on last seasons form, with Manchester United, the outsiders who could shock them all.

So it all begins with the added stimulant of Notts County and Swansea City . . . two refreshing newcomers to the top sphere. County have been there before of course so it is perhaps fitting that they should open their programme at Villa Park . . . 93 years after they first met as original members of the Football League.

And if it is history you are interested in, then what better than Swansea City making their First Division debut after 61 years football, against Leeds United.

Yes the football season is here again after a close season which will be remembered more for the change round of managers than the transfer of players. In fact the transfer market was not merely deflated it was positively punctured.

But there can be no fooling that Football League computer which sorts out the fixtures. Once more it came up with a classic confrontation for the opening day . . . Yes Coventry City against Manchester United. Dave Sexton v Ron Atkinson . . . who says machines have no sense of occasion.

preview by JOHN NOLAN

BLADES SEEM SET TO CUT THEIR WAY BACK

West Ham United waltzed away with the Second Division Championship last season after failing to get back at the first attempt the previous year. Now Derby County find themselves in a similar position after failing to live up to expectations, but can they follow on where the Hammers left off? Many think they can.

But who will join them in the chase for those three priceless promotion positions? Luton Town who played some of the best football seen in the Second Division last season must be candidates together with Q.P.R. whose emphasis on skill has been enhanced by the laying of their synthetic 'Omniturf' pitch.

Chelsea and Sheffield Wednesday could also play an important role, while Leicester City whose brave late rally nearly saved them and Norwich City would seem the best bets for a quick return.

And don't ignore Charlton Athletic promoted with Rotherham and Barnsley from the Third Division. New boss Alan Mullery has made some shrewd buys this summer and he wants to get back to the top without delay. While up north another new chief, George Mulhall is busy trying to awaken the dreams of Bolton Wanderers. Like Derby they could just make it.

The Third Division is no place for slouchers and this season it would seem to be even more competitive than usual. With Bristol City, Huddersfield Town, Portsmouth and Burnley all carrying not too distant memories of life in the First Division, the standard of competition promises to be high.

Add to that the ingredients of Newport County who did so well in the European Cup Winners Cup last season, the quality of Swindon Town who went all the way to the League Cup semi-final the year before, ambitious Plymouth, Fulham and Millwall who are yearning to get back into the Second Division and you have the makings of a super season.

Down in the Fourth Division something should stir in the shape of Sheffield United. It seems almost inconceivable that the 'Blades' should find themselves in this predicament, but that is how it is. Now under the guiding hand of new boss Ian Porterfield, the ancient corridors of Bramall Lane are alive again, that sweet smell of expectancy is once more in the air and Sheffield United should begin the long haul back.

Striken Blackpool could also turn the corner with Mansfield Town making sure they don't slip up on the final run-in as they did last term and Aldershot, Colchester and Peterborough joining them in the promotion stakes.

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"It would be nice to retire at the top but I don't think I could" — says

TREVOR CHERRY



Just twelve months ago Trevor Cherry did not want to talk about his first love, Leeds United football club. He was quietly bitter about the club's decline and the way it was being handled. Cherry had been part of the Don Revie success story and failure was a bitter pill to swallow, for a 32 year old professional who was still very much a part of the England squad.

"I have a few things to sort out. I might be with Leeds and I might not next season," he told me candidly last summer. Well as it turned out Trevor did resolve his differences and when the club swept the deck to bring back Allan Clarke as manager, the great Leeds United revival was under way.

Now another year on, the former Huddersfield Town fullback is looking forward to the new season as eagerly as a new player breaking into the game. For Trevor Cherry is one of those lucky lads who after a lifetime of football still loves to play the game.

"At 33 I am obviously getting towards the end of my first class career, but you can't look that far ahead in this business," he reflects nonchalantly. "I love playing football and intend to continue playing until I drop.

MANAGEMENT

"When that time comes I fancy staying in the game, but I have not seriously thought about coaching or becoming a manager really. I do fancy becoming a manager yes. But at the moment I want to concentrate on playing."

Still tremendously fit and enthusiastic, this veteran of over 500 League games and 22 Full internationals seems set to skipper Leeds United for at least another season, as the Yorkshire men try to recapture the glory that has escaped them these past six years.

It will not be easy even though there is an air of expectancy about the Elland Road ground, but manager Clarke knows the value of having an all-rounder like Trevor on the books in the long protracted chase for the League title.

"You could say that I am the Jack of all trades as opposed to the master of one," declares Cherry. "I have been switched around from position to position all through my career at club level. I suppose it means that I am a good player to have around because I am versatile and can play in so many positions, although I think it can work against you sometimes. I think if you can make one position your own then you probably

have more chance of recognition and success at international level.

"But at Leeds when we have had injuries and the manager has looked for a player to move position, it has always been me."

TACTICS

Talking of international football, how does Trevor view the current scene?

"Well international football is all about getting good players to go out and play. There is a lot talked about tactics, but they play a minor role. There are just one or two basic requirements which have to be remembered and carried out, but basically it is all down to the quality of the players on the field.

"As I say there is too much emphasis placed by the media on tactics. I mean take Revie for instance. When he was manager of England people made such a thing about his obsession with tactics. He didn't. He had this thing about dossiers on the opposition, but he did not make you go to bed and read them as some papers would have you believe.

"Tactics are there for players to talk about and discuss, but they are not such a big part of the game.

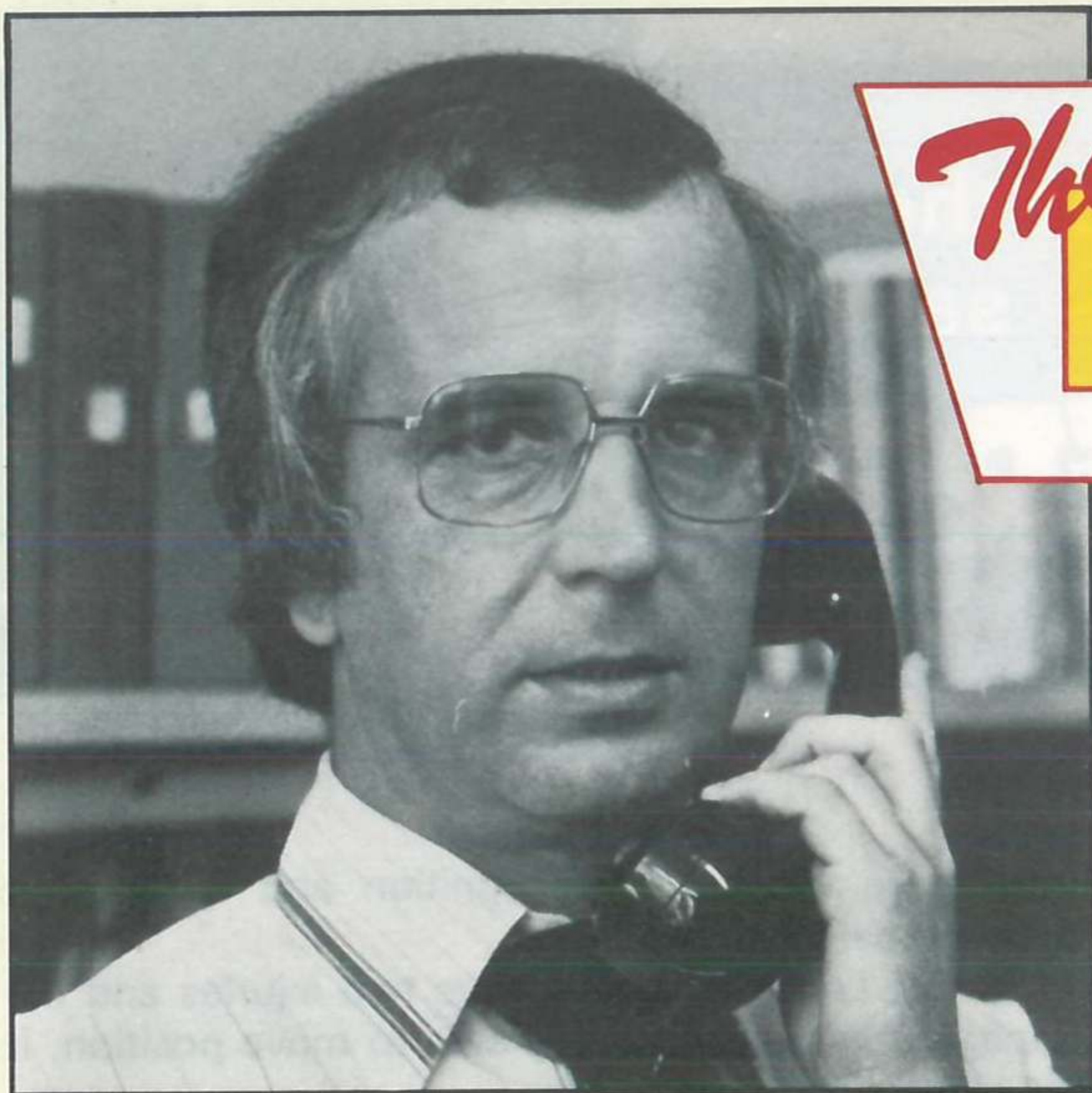
LOVE

"Take Ron Greenwood. He knows as much as anyone on that part of the game, and yet his attitude is for England to go out and play attacking flowing football. The idea is to impose our game on the opposition."

Trevor's international career, which kicked off against Wales in 1976, is now over but there is still plenty of football left in him yet. And unlike some top names who prefer to be remembered at their best Trevor has no hang-ups. For him the thrill of playing at whatever level is far more important than a memory of a great player at his best.

"It would be nice to pack in at the top," he concedes, "but playing is part of my life. It has been now for 16 years and I would find it very hard to just walk away from the game and never play again. So I would seriously consider playing at a lower level when the time for me to leave Leeds United eventually comes. As I say I sometimes think it would be nice to retire at the top, but I don't think I could do it.

"I love the game and the thought of not being involved is just too much to lose."



The PAUL PARISH page

a clean sweep for mansfield's new boam

STUART Boam put aside some unfamiliar paperwork for a minute to talk about his new way of life.

Mansfield's prodigal son has come home. He is wiser, more experienced, still ambitious, just a little bit impatient . . . and now he's the boss!

"The main priority," he says, "is to get out of this division."

Life in Division Four is clearly not to the taste of a man who has only sampled his football in the higher echelons. And, you suspect, that there will be a number of Fourth Division centre-forwards who will be wishing Boam further by the end of the season!

Boam has joined the band of young player-managers at the club where it all began for him. Born and raised at nearby Kirkby he had the first 175 of over 500 Football League appearances at Mansfield's Field Mill headquarters.

Exactly 10 years ago he moved onto the higher life at Middlesbrough with a £50,000 fee on his head. And while Boam enjoyed the high-life at Ayresome Park, Mansfield suffered a yo-yo existence which, despite a one-season flirtation with the Second Division, sees them start the new

season in the Fourth Division.

It's all new to Boam who returned to Field Mill at the end of June after two years with Second Division Newcastle.

"I'm finding it all pretty hectic at the moment," he admits, "But I'm gradually getting used to it. Mind you, I have never had to deal with all this paperwork before."

But now he will be happier. The football season is starting and he can get down to the serious business.

DUAL ROLE

"I've come here to do both jobs," he answers to suggestions that playing and managing will make life doubly difficult. "I came here to play and I don't think taking on both jobs will be too much."

Boam is a qualified FA coach and picked up his full badge three years ago. "Perhaps my coaching has been limited to the youngsters," he agrees, "But I have been captain of every club I played for and that involves making decisions on the field and passing on messages and instructions from the bench."

Yet the most vital lessons in his managerial education have probably been picked up while playing under some of the leading men in the field.

"I suppose there must have been eight or nine managers under whom I have been a player," he recalls. "There's men like Big Jack Charlton and John Neal at Middlesbrough, Bill McGarry and, more recently, Arthur Cox at Newcastle."

"I want to do things my own way but subconsciously I must have picked up a lot of their tricks of the trade. It's probably been good for me to have played under so many. They've all taught me something about coaching, on how to get on with players . . . and how to handle the press!

INFLUENCE

"Since I took over at Mansfield I have been speaking to lots of good friends in the game and they have been giving me advice and help."

They are managers and friends who have known Boam, the fair-haired 6ft 1in centre-half whose dominating performances at the back did much to secure Middlesbrough's success during the 1970's.

The Boro defence, under Jack Charlton, was a formidable barrier and they conceded only 30 goals in winning the Second Division in 1973-74 with a mammoth 65 points tally.

Boro didn't take the First Division by storm but



Stuart Boam a commanding centre-half with Newcastle is now looking for honours at a lower level.

neither did they live in fear of relegation. In 1975 they finished seventh and at no time until Boam left them in the summer of 1979 in a £140,000 deal to Newcastle, did they end a season lower than 14th.

Bill McGarry was the man who signed him at Newcastle in the hope that Boam's undoubted defensive qualities would help his side back into the First Division. It didn't work out that way and after a second season on Tyneside when injury forced him on the sidelines for a while, the opportunity to return to Mansfield, and a new life in the Fourth Division, arose.

"Really, I suppose, I came a bit late in the summer to completely organise things in time," says Boam. "Pre-season friendlies were a problem.

PRIORITIES

"They had to be a very important part of the build up. It was my only chance to see my players in action, to get to know them on the field.

"Then I wanted to sort out my coaching staff. I've brought Geoff Allen down from Newcastle to be my chief coach and I want to work as a team with him. So many of the top managerial set-ups in the country work in pairs.

"I'm not particularly bothered that we're not involved in this new Football League Group Cup tournament. Our main priority is to get out of the Fourth Division and there is so much work to be done and so little time in which to do it. Perhaps it's just as well we're not involved in the new competition."

Boam will encounter cup atmosphere quick enough when Mansfield have their home and away League Cup First Round matches with Scunthorpe.

"It sounds a good draw," he reflects, "But as I say I'm learning all the time.

"I've played all my football in the top three divisions so this season will be something new to me in every way.

"In addition to finding out about my own team and my own players I have got to learn about all the other sides and see them play."

Boam returned to his paperwork . . . impatient for some action, impatient to lift Mansfield towards promotion.

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The star of the show Trevor Brooking is here seen taking on Martos in the Nep Stadium.

DON'T LET THE EUPHORIA OF

RON GREENWOOD, a sad desolute figure after England's humiliating 2-1 defeat in Basle, put on a philosophical face when he declared: "In life you have to think that anything is possible until it becomes impossible."

He was of course reflecting on England's chances of qualifying for the World Cup Finals in Spain next summer. At that particular moment in time it seemed that our World Cup aspirations had been smitten by two diabolical and fundamental errors, lapses in concentration, which had cost us two match winning goals against the Swiss. I doubt that even Greenwood could have contemplated anything better than a draw in the foreboding surroundings of the Nep Stadium in Budapest where England had not beaten Hungary for 72 years.

Indeed the England squad during the seven days which separated the Switzerland and Hungary fixtures were suffering from a combination of disbelief, shock and boredom, while the big question on everyones lips back home, was why?

Why! During a spring in which Liverpool had waltzed off with the European Cup and Ipswich had captured the UEFA Cup, should England's international reputation plummet to such an alarmingly low ebb?

Of course there is no concise and easy answer to that, it is a culmination of many things, some of which could be put right in time for Spain but most of which are long term policies involving the basic structure of the game in this country.

Happily the election of Bert Millichip and Jack Dunnett as the heads of the F.A., and Football League respectively, has already made its mark with a positive stride to overcome that old conundrum that has been the affliction of so many an England manager . . . that of club against country. The breath of fresh air which has now made it possible for the League programme to be postponed prior to the vital World Cup match against Hungary should at least eliminate the problem of player withdrawals, which are mostly political rather than physical anyway.

It is a start in the right direction although as the amnesty does not

apply to friendlies Ron Greenwood will no doubt still encounter difficulties for vital warm-up matches and therefore will continue to be hampered in his attempts to mould a settled side together.

During Greenwood's 42 match reign as England's boss he has utilised 49 different players (23 of them new caps) and has made 185 team changes and brought on 57 substitutes. And in last seasons ten matches he called upon 28 players and made 48 changes.

So many changes certainly do not help. Any successful side be it at club level or international grade must have a sound base on which to build, and if England do qualify for Spain then it is in the interests of League football for the clubs to make their players available. For unquestionably our domestic game could have no better boost than that provided by a winning national side.

ARTISANS OR ARTISTS

While still on the same subject I have also seen it suggested that another problem is that club and country are seeking quite different products from the same material. The clubs looking for and developing artisans to cope with a long hard season, while England cry out for artists.

In my opinion that suggestion is getting near to the crux of our national problem without quite realising it. If you take a look at any of our triumphant club sides last season; Aston Villa, Liverpool, Ipswich and Tottenham Hotspur, you will see clearly that they all have a fair sprinkling of talented artistic players . . . some of whom are world class. The significant point is how many of those players are English?

You see club sides do need artists in their teams but apart from probably Glenn Hoddle of Spurs, all the relevant players from those sides who fall into the category above, come from either Scotland, Argentina or Holland.

It is a sad reflection on the system that we produce very few really exceptional players these days, and because there is no ethnic reason why English players should not be as well endowed in skill as their foreign counterparts, our failure to develop them must have something to do with the way they are taught and handled at an early age.

To my mind the problem starts at school where football for the younger children starts out as a game and then becomes a sport at which winning is the operative word. Our children are taught football by well meaning teachers but in most cases the instruction is from people not qualified to teach the game and if youth is taught the wrong way then its development will follow the wrong channels.

The England schoolboy side epitomises the situation completely. Strong and physical they might well be but when it comes to technique and skill they are miles adrift.

When I watch schoolboy sides and hear masters shouting at ten and eleven year olds to 'get rid of the ball' I am horrified. At that age they should be encouraged to caress the ball, keep it, dominate it, take on as many opponents as they can and build up self confidence. Alas today a master thinks he is judged on results and because of this many a talented young player is cast aside for bigger more effective lads who can kick a long ball and run.

It is little wonder then that we produce so few class players. I would like to see competitive football at school scrapped up to the age of 14 or 15 and eleven-a-side football replaced by 5-a-side games under the direction of qualified coaches.

SELF ANALYSIS

It could be done but I fear it will not be, because there are too many masters involved with the English Schools FA who would not relinquish the authority and the perks they enjoy under the current system. But there is no doubt in my mind that if English football is to conquer the world then some vast improvements in the football education of our young boys is essential.

And if the schools will not help then why don't the Football Association take the bull by the horns and set up their own soccer colleges for the most promising lads in the country. Colleges where the pupils can be taught their normal academic subjects and then follow a professionally prepared coaching degree. They won't all make it because you can never tell how youth will develop, but some might and that is all one can hope for.

Professional clubs themselves also need to revue their thinking on

their handling of players, particularly young players. Do they place enough emphasis on the development of technique and skills? I think not. Also they all too easily lose sight of their moral and spiritual responsibility towards those players. It is their responsibility to ensure that youngsters understand that the game owes them nothing. They must work and work hard to attain the standards required:

Of course there are many other contributing factors as to why English players are struggling to maintain their international reputation but until the initial grounding is right the rest will continue to be an innuendo of make do with what you can.

There can be no substitute for technical skill, that is to say, faultless ball control and the ability to pass correctly. The main purpose of any educational system must be to bring to perfection a young players technical ability. If that is not done then the authority in control is not fulfilling its obligations, be it the education authorities, the FA or the clubs themselves.

One only has to look at the performances of the England side over the past five or six years to realise that our standards are too low. An England manager should not be saddled with players whose technique and basic control and passing are not up to standard. And yet that is the case.

How can Ron Greenwood or any other manager for that matter be expected to compete at the highest level of the game with inadequate resources. We should be ashamed to think that comparatively minor football nations such as Switzerland can field a side displaying better technique and individualism than our own, but it has happened.

And there is no short cut to bridge the gap. English football must wake up to the fact that there can be no substitute for skill. Our players must work hard at their basics, no matter how mundane it might seem.

One only hopes that the gratifying and exciting 3-1 victory over Hungary in that exhilarating World Cup match in Budapest last June, will not cloud the basic issues. For to think that eventual qualification for next summers finals in Spain will have proved everything right would be a gross misconception.

BUDAPEST CLOUD THE ISSUE

SAYS COLIN BENSON

Steve Coppel goes past Varga as England run riot.



Famous Clubs

Two seasons ago Bristol City were lining up for their fourth consecutive season in the First Division. Today they open their account in the Third Division.

Mind you the fact that City have sizzled down the table like a fast fuse has not caused too much alarm south of the river, for since the clubs demotion from the First Division in 1911 they have continually interchanged between the Second and Third divisions.

You might say that Bristol City — the red and white half of this footballing city, which in the early nineties boasted at least five professional clubs — have experienced to the full the ups and downs of League soccer.

It all started in April 1894 when a group of enthusiasts formed a club they called South End. Even then they played close to Ashton Gate the present ground, and they played their first match against Swindon Town on September 1, of that year.

Three years later they amalgamated with Bedminster and re-named the club Bristol City, which they then entered

into the Southern League for season 1897-8.

Success was almost instant with City finishing as runner-up three times in four years and undoubtedly the credit for this must go to the manager Sam Hollis, who started without a team, money or a competition to play in.

Hollis spent £40, got eight good players and started City on its way, which is quite remarkable when you think they paid out £235,000 when they signed Tony Fitzpatrick from St Mirren in 1979.

Anyway the next step was to gain election to Division 2 of the Football League, and this they did in 1901 with 23 votes. After being sixth in that competition they were three times fourth and then gained promotion to Division 1 when they won the Second Division Championship in style, four points ahead of Manchester United and 13 points clear of third placed Chelsea.

City had made their mark on the football world and were to make an even bigger impression that following season. They finished runner-up to the mighty Newcastle United with 48 points, just three short of the Champions who thrashed them 3-0 at St. James' Park in a climatic end of season fixture.

CUP FINALISTS

The next season City dropped to tenth place and eighth the following year when they delighted their fans with their only ever F.A. Cup Final appearance. It was against Manchester United at Crystal Palace, and was achieved by way of victories over Southampton, Bury, Norwich City, Glossop and Derby County. On the big day however, it was United who came out on top with a single

goal from Turnbull being sufficient to decide the game.

The season of 1910-11 proved a difficult one and City gained only 27 points to finish 19th in the 20 club Division — Nottingham Forest were bottom. Little did the West Country fans realise that they would have to wait 65 years until they played First Division football again, but that was the outcome for a club which failed to come back quickly.

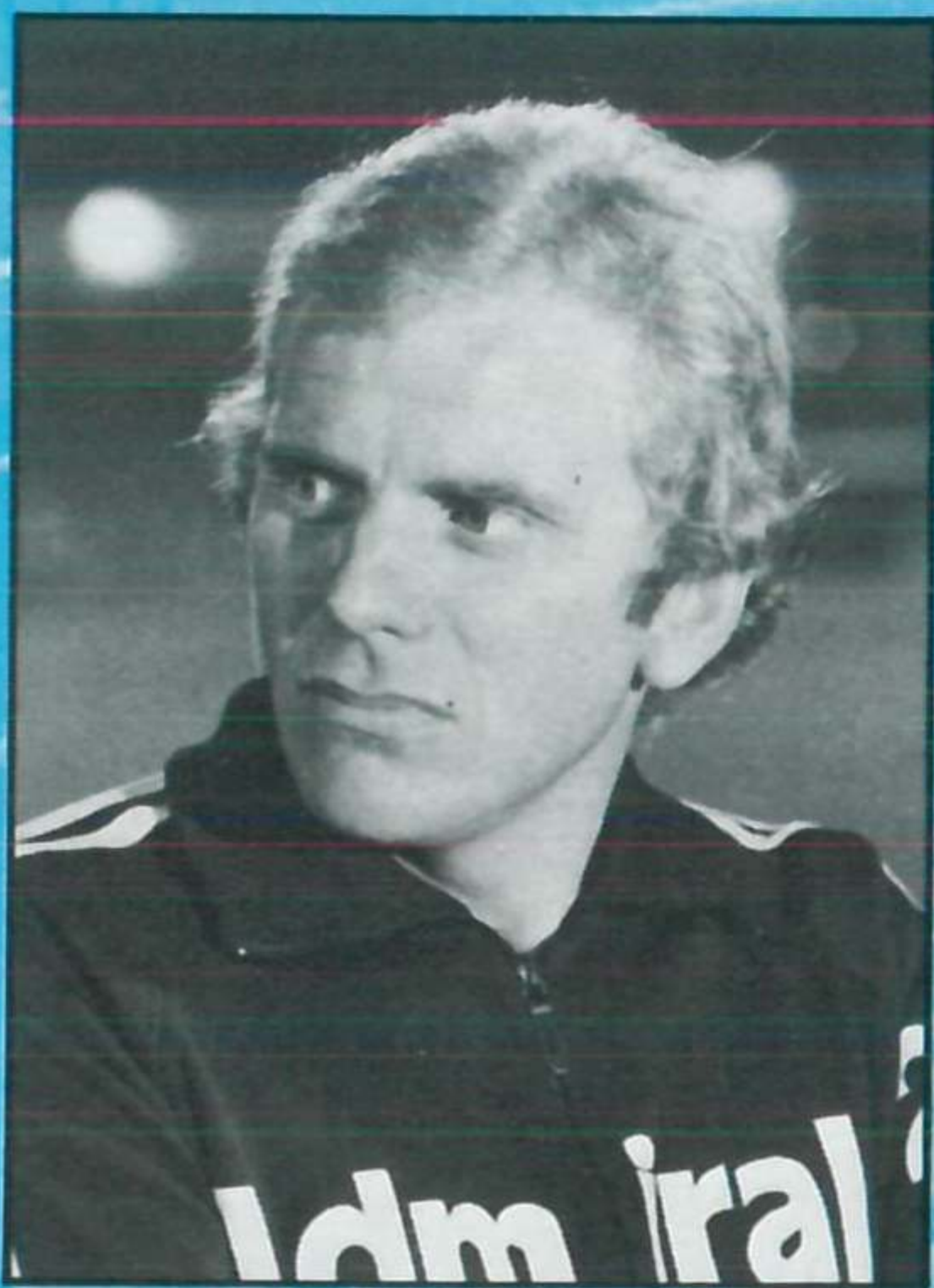
Indeed the nearest they got was in the season of 1920-21, when they finished third, but they were a clear seven points behind runner-up Cardiff City and by next season found themselves relegated to the Third Division (South).

It was a case of snakes and ladders from then on with City bouncing straight back as Third Division Champions in 1923, only to slide straight back down again twelve months later. Three seasons later and they were back up for five survival fighting seasons of tension which were followed by relegation again, in 1932.

This stint in the Third Division was to span 16 years, culminating in another title win at the close of the 1954-55 season. Big John Atyeo was the star of the show, scoring 28 League goals. Atyeo was to become a legend, eventually breaking the appearance record with 648 League and Cup games and the aggregate scoring record with 315 League goals.

Five more seasons of Second Division football was brought to an abrupt end when City finished bottom in 1960. But by 1965 they hauled themselves back, finishing a point behind the Champions Carlisle United, and piping Mansfield Town on goal average.

Bob Houghton a young manager with a lot on his mind.



Bristol City



THE PINNACLE

In October 1967 the club made probably their best ever signing when they employed Alan Dicks as manager. It was the start of a very successful association which realised its potential when Dicks, after narrowly missing promotion the season prior, lifted Bristol City back to the First Division when they finished second to Sunderland in the Second Division promotion race of 1975-76.

Bristol City were back in the big time although, like many small town clubs, they found it very difficult to hold their own. In that first term they escaped the quick drop by just a single goal, finishing 18th with 35 points. The following season the club finished 17th again, with 35 points and 1978-79 saw them rise to their highest position... 13th with 40 points.

Alas the improvement was not maintained and by the end of the following season Bristol City found themselves in 20th place, their 31 points being four less than Everton the club above, and so it was back to the Second Division.

Many felt that the 'Robins' were equipped to make an early challenge for promotion last season, but instead the slide continued. Like many clubs in the same position they became the victims of uncertainty and when Alan Dicks quit following the directors decision to move him upstairs the football world was staggered.

The new boss Bob Houghton had taken Malmo to a European Cup final but even he was unable to turn the tide, as City slumped to the Third Division winning just 7 of their 42 Second Division matches last season.

Year formed — 1894

Turned Professional — 1897

Previous name: Bristol South End 1894-97

ROBINS' ROLE OF HONOUR

First Division Runners-up — 1906-07

Second Division Champions — 1905-06

Runners-up — 1975-76

Third Division South Champions — 1922-23, 1926-27, 1954-55

Third Division Runners-up — 1964-65

F.A. Cup Runners-up — 1909

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS — (last five years)

1976-77	Tom Ritchie and Chris Garland	7
1977-78	Tom Ritchie	11
1978-79	Tom Ritchie and Kevin Mabbutt	9
1979-80	Tom Ritchie	13
1980-81	Kevin Mabbutt	16

Managers Since the War

Bob Hewison, Peter Doherty,
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and Bob Houghton.



Kevin Mabbutt — leading scorer last season.

Football League Record

1901	elected to division	2
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1911-22	"	2
1922-23	"	3(S)
1923-24	"	2
1924-27	"	3(S)
1927-32	"	2
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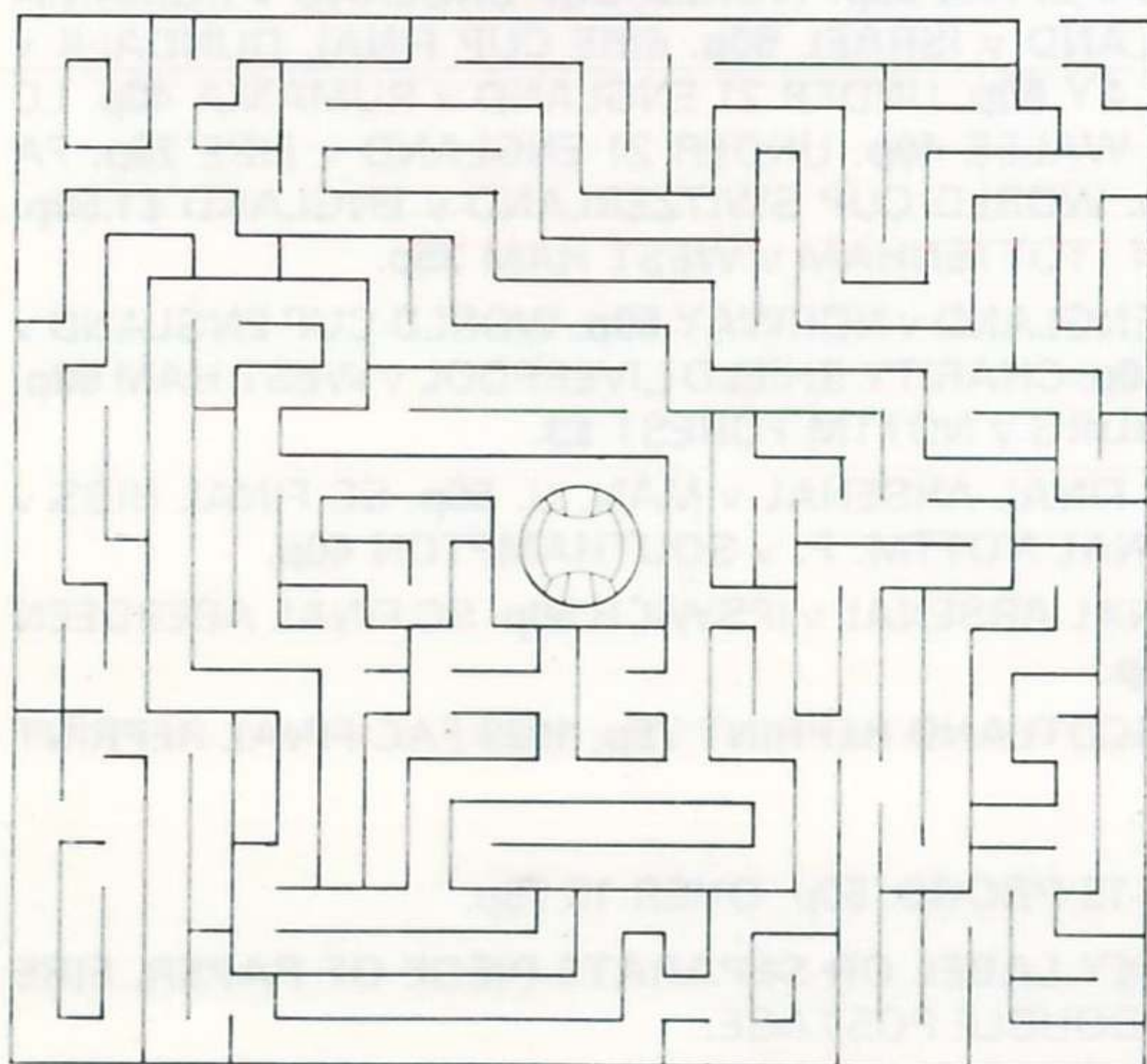
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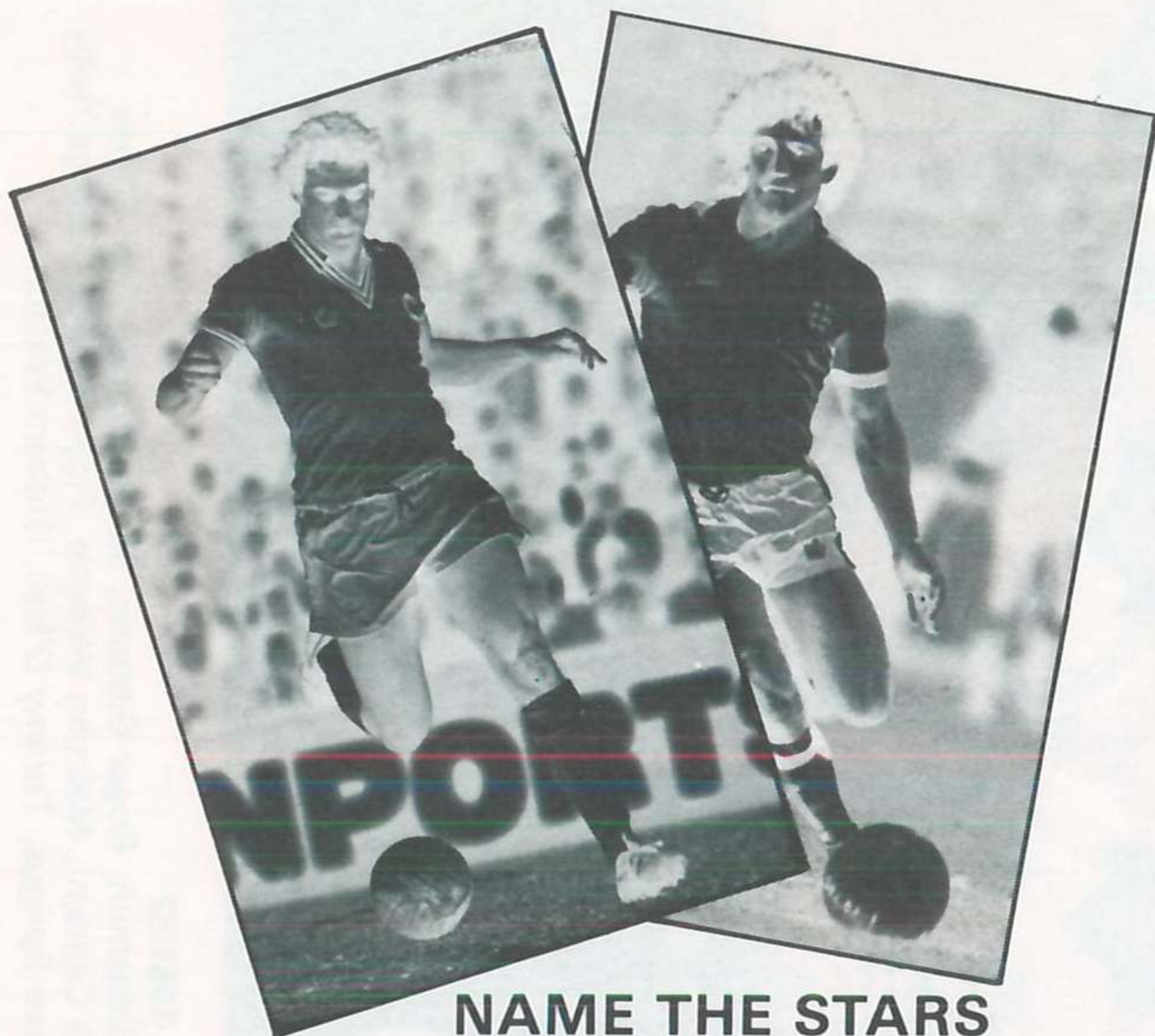
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JUNIOR QUIZ

Have you read this issue of 'Centrespot?' If you have you should have no trouble in answering the following questions.

1. Which F.L. Club have an 'Omniturf' pitch?
2. Have Bristol City ever appeared in an F.A. Cup Final?
3. Which team scored most goals in the 1st Division last season?
4. Against which team did Trevor Cherry make his international debut?
5. Name the clubs for which Stuart Boam has played?
6. How many players were used in England's 10 matches last season?
7. How much did the first Bristol City side cost to assemble?
8. When were the offside laws altered?

9. England beat Hungary 3-1 last June but how long is it since our previous win in Hungary?
10. Name Trevor Cherry's previous club?

JUNIOR QUIZ - Answers

1. Queens Park Rangers, 2. Yes, 3. Ipswich Town, 4. Wales, 5. Mansfield Town, Middlesbrough & Newcastle, 6. 28, 7. £40, 8. 1925, 9. 72 years, 10. Huddersfield Town.

Fun Spot* Dave Smith — Southend United, Richie Barker — Stoke City, Ian Porterfield — Sheffield United.

NAME THE STARS

Trevor Brooking (West Ham United), Kevin Keegan (Southampton)

MATCH THE FACE

Bryan Flynn (Leeds United) and Brian Talbot (Arsenal)



CAMBRIDGE UNITED 1981/82

Back Row: Andy Polycarpou, John Lyons, Dave Donaldson, Martin Goldsmith, Roger Gibbons, Jamie Murray, Tom Finney
 Middle Row: Chris Turner, Lindsay Smith, Richard Key, Steve Fallon (Club Captain), Malcolm Webster, Floyd Streete, George Reilly
 Front Row: Derrick Christie, Stephen Pyle, Graham Cox, Steve Spriggs, Tommy O'Neil, Graham Watson

BOLTON RECORD

Part 45
Season 1936/37

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Division One	Home	Away
Arsenal	0-5	0-0
Birmingham	0-0	1-1
Brentford	2-2	2-2
Charlton	2-1	0-1
Chelsea	2-1	1-0
Derby	1-3	0-3
Everton	1-2	2-3
Grimsby	1-2	1-3
Huddersfield	2-2	0-2
Leeds	2-1	2-2
Liverpool	0-1	0-0
Manchester City	0-2	2-2
Manchester United	0-4	0-1
Middlesbrough	1-3	0-2
Portsmouth	1-0	1-1
Preston	0-0	2-1
Sheffield Wednesday	1-0	0-2
Stoke	0-0	2-2
Sunderland	1-1	0-3
W.B.A.	4-1	2-0
Wolves	1-2	3-2

F.A. CUP

Rd. 3— West Ham (a)	0-0
	(h) 1-0
Rd. 4— Norwich (h)	1-1
	(a) 2-1
Rd. 5— Man. City (h)	0-5

League goalscorers

Milsom	13	Westwood	6
Howe	6	Calder	4
Taylor G.T.	3	Goslin	3
Currier	2	Rimmer	2
Hurst	1	Halford	1
Anderson	1	Betmead (Grimsby Town)	1

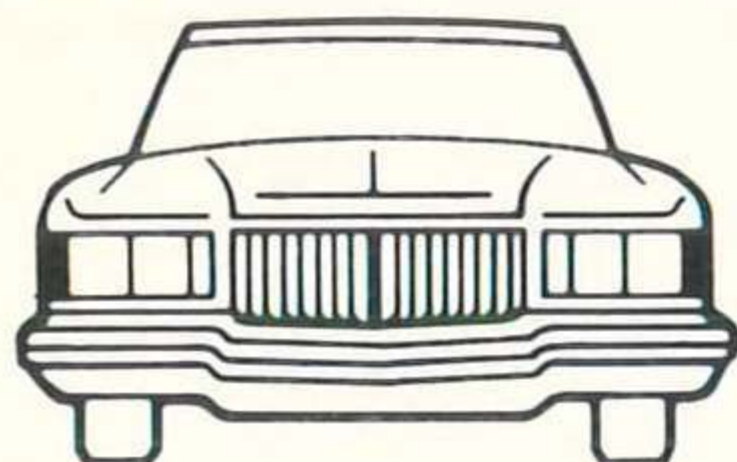
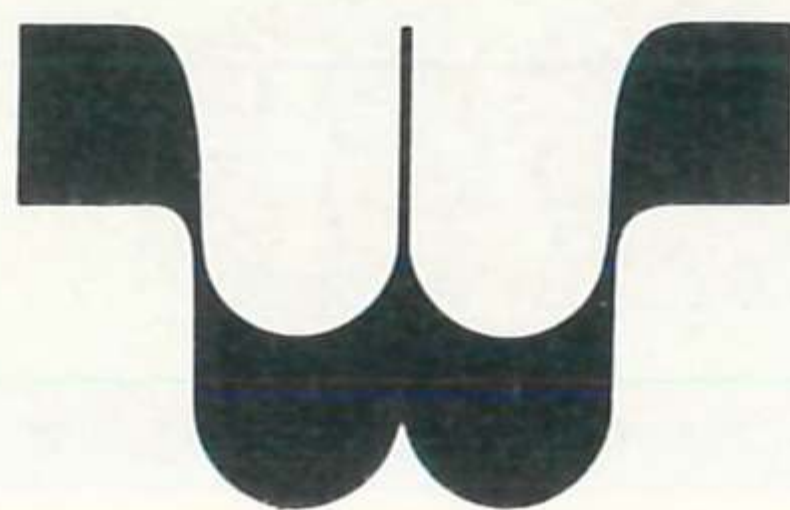
DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester City	42	22	13	7	107	61	57
Charlton Athletic	42	21	12	9	58	49	54
Arsenal	42	18	16	8	80	49	52
Derby Co.	42	21	7	14	96	90	49
Wolverhampton W.	42	21	5	16	84	67	47
Brentford	42	18	10	14	82	78	46
Middlesbrough	42	19	8	15	74	71	46
Sunderland	42	19	6	17	89	87	44
Portsmouth	42	17	10	15	62	66	44
Stoke C.	42	15	12	15	72	57	42
Birmingham	42	13	15	14	64	60	41
Grimsby T.	42	17	7	18	86	81	41
Chelsea	42	14	13	15	52	55	41
Preston N.E.	42	14	13	15	56	67	41
Huddersfield	42	12	15	15	62	64	39
W.B.A.	42	16	6	20	77	98	38
Everton	42	14	9	19	81	78	37
Liverpool	42	12	11	19	62	84	35
Leeds United	42	15	4	23	60	80	34
Bolton W.	42	10	14	18	43	66	34
Manchester U.	42	10	12	20	55	78	32
Sheffield W.	42	9	12	21	53	69	30

FOOTBALL LEAGUE appearances:

Ainsley G.E.	7	Anderson A.	13
Atkinson J.E.	17	Bower R.W.	3
Calder J.	13	Carruthers A.	1
Clark T.	18	Connor J.	21
Currier J.	6	Eastham G.R.	27
Finney A.	7	Goslin H.	37
Halford D.	5	Hanson S.	4
Howe D.	30	Hubbick H.	13
Hurst G.	24	Jones R.	25
Milsom J.	35	Rimmer J.W.	9
Swift F.	13	Taylor G.	31
Taylor G.T.	35	Tennant J.	37
Walton G.	1	Westwood R.W.	29
Winter D.	1		

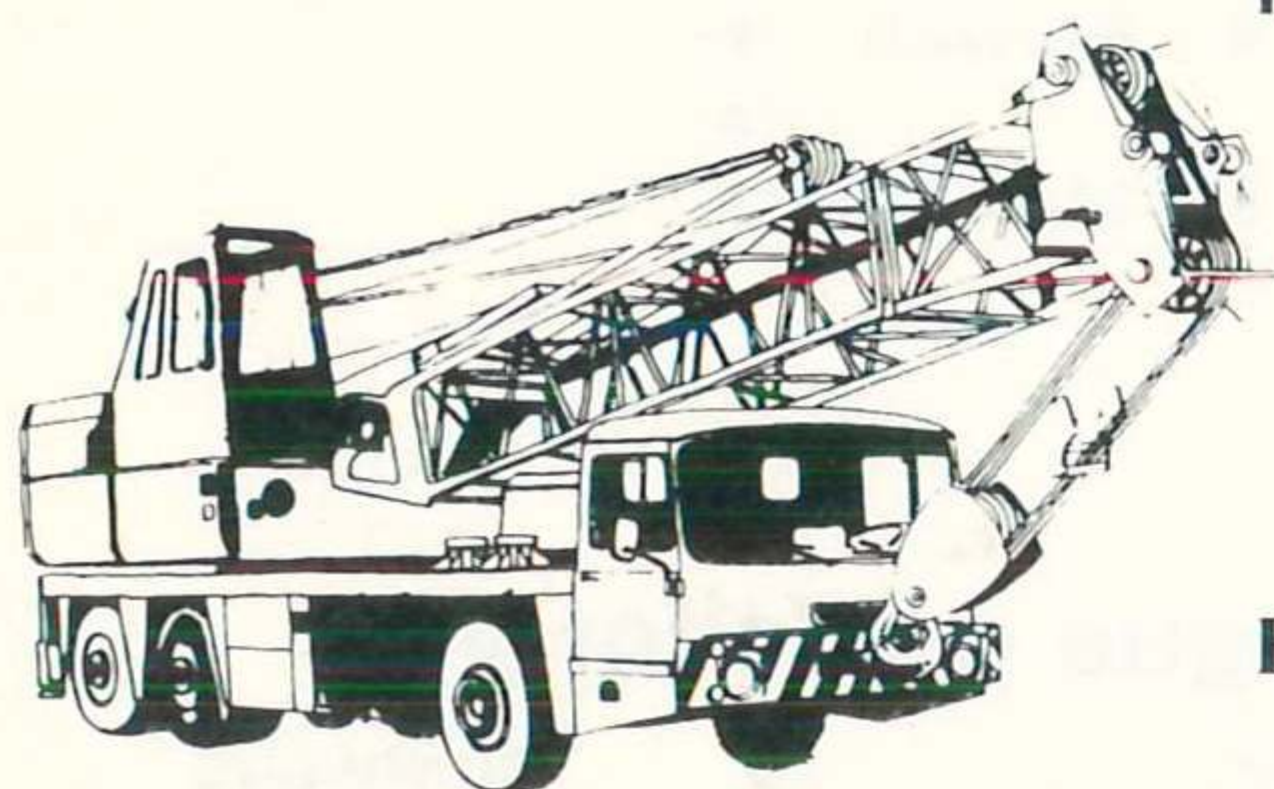
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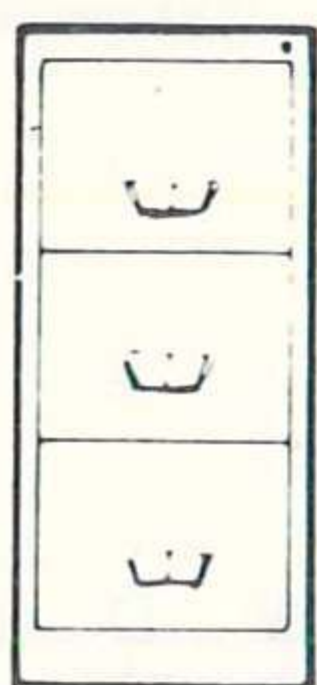
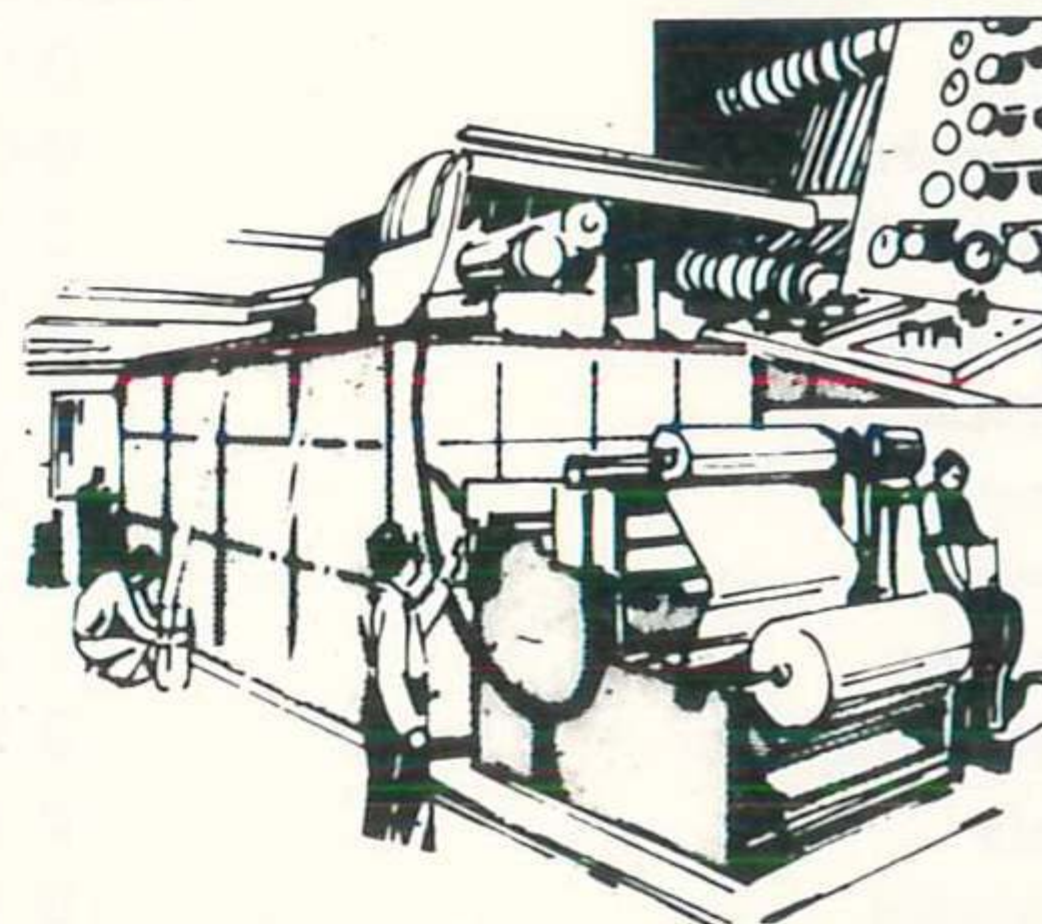
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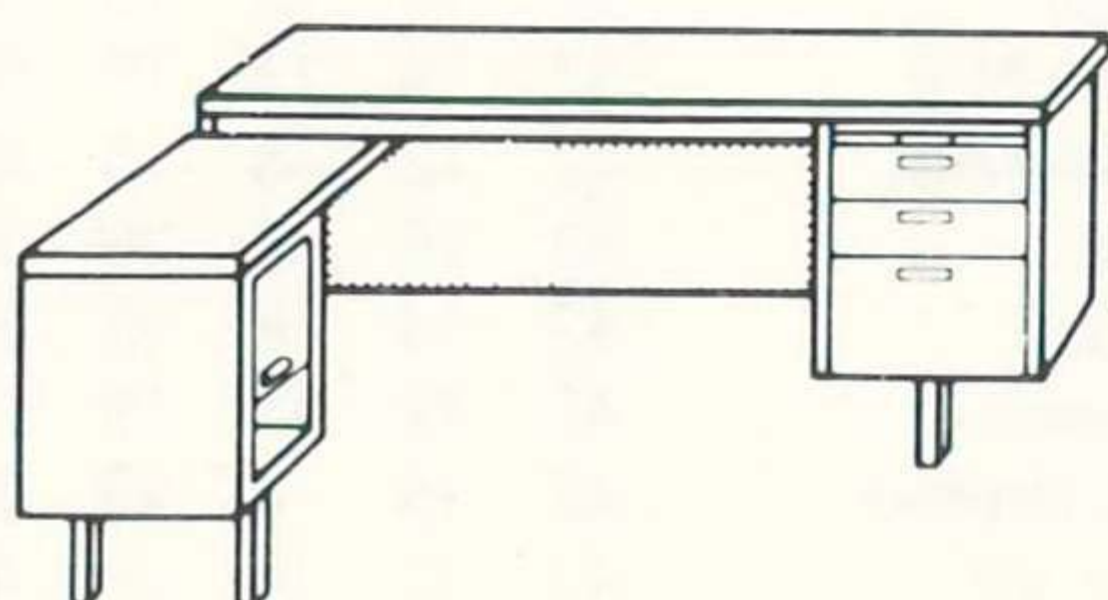
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BOLTON v SHREWSBURY

A. Wayne Foster challenges for the ball.

B. John Thomas on the chase.

C. John Thomas breaks through.



Burnden Park NEWS



So we're off and running on the marathon of another season, and for me the sparkling challenge of returning to my native north-west as successor to my good friend Gerald Sinstadt.

The details of my 'transfer' from Yorkshire Television were finalised while I was away on a football tour in Florida, backing up the far greater on the field talents of Ian St John and Roger Hunt. Inevitably the pool-side chats turned to reminiscences about Liverpool, and both remarked that their days at Anfield had ended more quickly than they had expected. Now with the arrivals of Craig Johnston and Mark Lawrenson, and more than a passing interest in Tony Woodcock, Bob Paisley and company are again not waiting for the machine to run down before replacing certain parts. I believe that's been the key to their remarkable consistency.

Who would bet against Liverpool leading the area's challenge for honours once again. I know the players desperately missed their lack of involvement in this year's Charity Shield.



MARTIN TYLER

One young Liverpudlian has already caught my eye this season. Wigan Athletic manager, Larry Lloyd, is predicting a great future for 19 year old Mickey Quinn, a striker with the genuine hunger in the penalty area of a born goalscorer. Mickey, though, has had difficulties with a hunger of a different kind, that led last season to a weight problem. But I saw him, trim and sharp, give First Division defenders a real chasing in a pre-season work-out against Swansea City.

I hope the praise he is currently receiving doesn't damage his progress. To be fair to young Mickey its still

perhaps a case of 'weight and see'!

By moving across the Pennines I've already been able to re-acquaint myself with a number of old friends from my Yorkshire days. Bury manager, Jim Iley, was a much under-rated figure at Barnsley where he laid the foundation for that club's recent successes under Allan Clarke and now Norman Hunter.

Checking on the team line-ups before commentaries at Rotherham in the days of Jimmy McGuigan was always a marvellously simple affair. It was invariably unchanged because of his belief in continuity, and Jim always had a canniness that he is now showing in keeping Stockport County's head above water.

These days I'll have to get used to calling on George Mulhall to talk about Bolton Wanderers rather than

Bradford City. George incidentally was 'capped' for our commentators X1 in Florida, while on a family holiday. I don't think he was too pleased, though, in temperatures of around 100°F, at being given a hard-running role at left back.

Finally I was particularly pleased that my pre-season research took me back to my roots in Chester. No new stand at Sealand Road, though, in my memories of the days when I watched a coltish Ron Davies take his first steps on the road to international recognition.

In the hurly-burly of a commentator's preparation I did allow myself a pause for a few nostalgic thoughts, all of which confirmed my delight to be back in the north-west for which I have such affection.

BOLTON v BURY

Peter Reid shows his skill.



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1981-82	F	A
Aug.	29	EVERTON
Sept.	1	Coventry City
	5	Nottingham Forest
	8	Liverpool
	12	BLACKBURN R.
	19	
	26	MANCHESTER CITY
	29	BLACKPOOL
Oct.	3	Newcastle Utd.
	9	Sheffield Utd.
	17	BURY
	24	
	31	PRESTON N.E.
Nov.	7	
	10	STOKE CITY
	14	Burnley
	17	Huddersfield T.
	21	Sheffield Wed.
	24	COVENTRY CITY
	28	DERBY COUNTY
Dec.	2	West Brom. A.
	5	Aston Villa
	12	WOLVERHAMPTON W.
	16	Leeds United
	19	
	26	MANCHESTER UTD.
1982		
Jan.	2	
	9	NOTTINGHAM F.
	16	Everton
	23	
Feb.	30	HUDDERSFIELD T.
	6	Blackburn R.
	13	NEWCASTLE UTD.
	20	Manchester City
	27	SHEFFIELD UTD.
Mar.	6	Bury
	13	WEST BROM. A.
	20	Preston N. E.
	23	BURNLEY
	27	Stoke City
Apr.	3	
	10	Manchester Utd.
	12	
	17	SHEFFIELD WED.
	24	Derby County
	27	LIVERPOOL
May	1	ASTON VILLA
	5	Blackpool
	8	Wolverhampton W.
	15	LEEDS UNITED
	22	

FINAL TABLE 1980-81

	HOME GOALS				AWAY GOALS							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham United	42	19	1	1	53	12	9	9	3	26	17	66
Notts. County	42	10	8	3	26	15	8	9	4	23	23	53
Swansea City	42	12	5	4	39	19	6	9	6	25	25	50
Blackburn Rovers	42	12	8	1	28	7	4	10	7	14	22	50
Luton Town	42	10	6	5	35	23	8	6	7	26	23	48
Derby County	42	9	8	4	34	26	6	7	8	23	26	45
Grimsby Town	42	10	8	3	21	10	5	7	9	23	32	45
Queens Park Rangers	42	11	7	3	36	12	4	6	11	20	34	43
Watford	42	13	5	3	34	18	3	6	12	16	27	43
Sheffield Wednesday	42	14	4	3	38	14	3	4	14	15	37	42
Newcastle United	42	11	7	3	22	13	3	7	11	8	32	42
Chelsea	42	8	6	7	27	15	6	6	9	19	26	40
Cambridge United	42	13	1	7	36	23	4	5	12	17	42	40
Shrewsbury Town	42	9	7	5	33	22	2	10	9	13	25	39
Oldham Athletic	42	7	9	5	19	16	5	6	10	20	32	39
Wrexham	42	5	8	8	22	24	7	6	8	21	21	38
Orient	42	9	8	4	34	20	4	4	13	18	36	38
Bolton Wanderers	42	10	5	6	40	27	4	5	12	21	39	38
Cardiff City	42	7	7	7	23	24	5	5	11	21	36	36
Preston North End	42	8	7	6	28	26	3	7	11	13	36	36
Bristol City	42	6	10	5	19	15	1	6	14	10	36	30
Bristol Rovers	42	4	9	8	21	24	1	4	16	13	41	23

BOLTON EVENING NEWS

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A married man with two sons, he is a Director of a tool-making concern, and his hobbies are Tennis, Swimming and Walking. Serves on a committee to raise money for the welfare of Senior Citizens.

LINESMEN:

G. Busfield (Keighley) Red Flag
G. M. McManus (Connah's Quay)
Yellow Flag

Team Check

Bolton Wanderers

- 1 Jim McDonagh
- 2 Peter Nicholson
- 3 Mike Bennett
- 4 Gerry McElhinney
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Alan Gowling
- 7 John Thomas
- 8 Brian Kidd
- 9 Dave Hoggan
- 10 Len Cantello
- 11 Peter Reid
- 12 Chris Thompson

Luton Town

- 1 Jake Findlay
- 2 Kirk Stephens
- 3 Mark Aizlewood
- 4 Brian Horton
- 5 Mike Saxby
- 6 Mal Donaghy
- 7 Ricky Hill
- 8 Brian Stein
- 9 Steve White
- 10 Radi Antic
- 11 Godfrey Ingram
- 12

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J	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR ASTON VILLA		
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L	CAMBRIDGE UNITED ROTHERHAM UNITED		
M	CARDIFF CITY CHELSEA		
N	CHARLTON ATHLETIC BLACKBURN ROVERS		
O	LEICESTER CITY WREXHAM		
P	NORWICH CITY BARNLEY		
Q	ORIENT GRIMSBY TOWN		
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S	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY CRYSTAL PALACE		
T	SHREWSBURY TOWN DERBY COUNTY		
U	WATFORD OLDHAM ATHLETIC		
V	BURNLEY PLYMOUTH ARGYLE		
W	HEREFORD UNITED BURY		
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